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SUBJ: REPORT ON HUNGARIAN AGRICULTURE RESULTS 1976

1. HUNGARIAN STATISTICAL OFFICE RELEASED ITS REPORT  
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1976 ECONOMIC PLAN. FOLLOWING  
PERTAINS TO AGRICULTURE

2. TOTAL AGRICULTUREL PRODUCTION IN 1976 FELL 3 PERCENT  
AGAINST A PLANNED INCREASE. CROP PRODUCTION ON THE WHOLE  
FELL 5 PERCENT BUT THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR REGISTERED A ONE  
PERCENT RISE. BAD WEATHER DURING THE YEAR REDUCED OUTPUT  
OF SUMMER VEGETABLES, FRUITS, POTATOES, CORN, ROUGH  
FODDER AND ANIMALS FOR SLAUGHTER.

3. 3. HUNGARY PRODUCED 5.1 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT IN 1976,  
1.1 MILLION TONS MORE THAN A YEAR AGAO. HOWEVER, CORN  
PRODUCTION WAS DOWN TO 5.2 MILLION TONS, AGAINST A RECORD  
CROP OF 7.1 MILLION IN 1975. SUGAR  
BEET PRODUCTION FELL 4 PERCENT FROM 1975.

4. AT THE END OF 1976, PIG POPULAION REACHED 7,855 THOUSAND  
HEAD, 900 THOUSAND MORE THAN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.  
TOTAL POPULATION OF CATTLE, HOWEVER, DECLINED FROM 1,904  
THOUSAND TO 1,888 DURING 1976. THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE  
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IN COW POPULATION DURING THE YEAR.

5. ANIMALS FOR SLAUGHTER, MAINLY PIGS AND CATTLE, FELL  
8-10 PERCENT DURING THE YEAR. AS A RESULT LESS LIVE  
ANIMALS WENT FOR EXPORT. PRODUCTION OF POULTRY MEAT REGISTERED  
A GOOD RISE DURING THE YEAR.

6. EGG PRODUCTION DECLINED BUT MILK PRODUCTION ROSE 6 PERCENT IN 1976 DUE TO INCREASE IN MILK YIELD PER COW.

7. COMMENTS. MOST OF THE ABOVE CONFIRMS WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN KNOWN FOR SOME TIME FROM VARIOUS OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS. THE ONLY SURPRISE APPEARS TO BE IN THE LOW CORN PRODUCTION FIGURE OF 5.2 MILLION, SINCE MOST ESTIMATES UNTIL NOW PLACED THE ANNUAL CORN OUTPUT AT 5.5 MILLION TONS.

8. SEE ALSO SITUATION REPORTS ON HUNGARY: HN 7002 ON GRAIN, POUCHED FAS/WASHINGTON FEB. 11; HN 7003 ON DAIRY, HN 7004 ON POULTRY & EGGS, AND HN 7005 ON LIVESTOCK AND MEAT, POUCHED FAS/WASHINGTON ON FEB. 16. BUCHANAN

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